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HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER.

The Penrose Ticket Announced.—Does Not Want Brumbaugh's Support, Says Senator.

The merry mess in the G. O. P. is daily growing more nauseating to those of that political faith and more interesting to the voters who hope the time has come when the whole tribe of tricksters can be swept from the control of the affairs of this great State.

At the Armstrong dinner in Pittsburgh last week, the following was given out as the Penrose ticket:

For Governor, William C. Sproul, Senator from Delaware County, leader of the Delaware County organization which has a record for political debauchery of which even South Philadelphia and Schuylkill County are envious, steadfast foe in the Senate of everything pro. re sive, recently elected president of the Union League of Philadelphia (for a purpose, perhaps.)

For Lieutenant Governor, E. E. Beidleman, Senator from Dauphin County, won by a fake Bull Moose nomination, known as the "Hullabaloo" man of the Senate, and the leader of a Republican faction who received a most humiliating and local defeat in the November election.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs, James F. Woodward, of Allegheny County, Chairman of Appropriation, Committee of House of Representatives, trusted agent of the gang who dispense appropriations to hospitals and other charitable institutions on the basis of gang loyalty of the various members.

It is therefore not surprising that the dinner at which this truly Organization ticket was announced should have been financed by the brewers and their friends who were so prominently before the Courts after the 1914 campaign, according to very authentic reports. The basis of assessments are given as follows: Brewers $250, hotel men $100, Saloon keepers and Pittsburgh city employes $50 each, the surplus from the dinner to help out in putting the ticket across in the Republican primaries. In this way court notoriety can possibly be avoided.

To the wise politicians, Penrose has set about to bluff out this nomination for his personal selections as his only hope of winning. But Brumbaugh and Vare have not been bluffed just yet. Penrose says he does not want support of the Brumbaugh administration for his ticket, and this is the way he says it: "If I live twenty years, I never expect to see a worse Governor than Mr. Brumbaugh. He is utterly discredited. His endorsement is a serious liability. Not only that, but he is a liar". And leader Penrose says he doesn't care where the Vares stand as there is a vast difference between the political control of a State". (Penrose has evidently forgotten the great debt he owes the Vares for saving the elections of Governors Stuart and Tener by majorities either real or manufactured. And beside, he may even see worse Governors than Brumbaugh if the Republicans should remain in control twenty years longer.)

But all this heavy artillery fire has not caused any retreat by the crowd who hold the offices at Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Brumbaugh, O'Neil, Brown, Patton, Ambler, Ainey, Lafean and the rest of the administration leaders have not even ducked, and the arrangement of a ticket is being carefully worked out. In the meantime Senator Vare is holding the enemy by a threat to not even permit Penrose or his Town Meeting friends to vote in the Republican primaries. This may develop into very much more than a threat as the law would clearly bar the Town Meeting voters from Republican primaries if challenged.

And the way Penrose adherents are being ousted from ward committees and city jobs forces the conclusion that the Vare-Smith administration have not let up in their determination to land Penrose in the political discard.

Finding that he cannot gain ground in Pennsylvania except by talking as if he stood for only the most advanced progressiveness in State Government, Penrose makes a statement to this effect: "There is a general demand that the next Governor be a competent man who understands the needs of the State and will introduce that economy and efficiency in administering the affairs of the State which have been entirely absent under the administration of Brumbaugh".

Senator Sproul was a member of the last Penrose-Controlled State Senate which held a lengthy investigation of the duplication of jobs, dual office holding, extravagance in departments and other matters pertaining to the

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CENTRE'S QUOTA OF WAR STAMPS IS PLACED AT $76,200

W. H. Walker, of Bellefonte, is County Chairman.—All Householders Will Be Asked to Buy.

Secretary McAdoo's plan for the sale of war stamps by mail order is ready to be put into effect and householders should be prepared to hear the postman on his rounds calling loudly, "Any war stamps today"? The sale of these stamps through a system of "cash on delivery" at the home of the purchaser is the latest idea in war financing announced by Mr. McAdoo and it is said to be the first undertaking of any nation to deliver and collect for its securities in the homes of its people.

The plan is to send 25,000,000 postcards into as many home appealing for subscriptions to the war savings stamps. To each card will be attached a return card on which the recipient may write the amount of stamps he or she wishes to buy and which may be mailed without cost to the nearest postmaster. A postman will deliver the stamps and collect for them. It is expected that this method of sale, once established, will continue until the issue of $2,000,000 is taken. Additional postcards will be supplied from time is time.

The Pennsylvania War savings committee is contemplating drafting traveling salesman to sell stamps on their business trips and also to report if the campaign is being well advertised throughout the state and receiving publicity.

Robert K. Cassatt, director of the campaign in eastern Pennsylvania, announced the chairmen for the forty-eight counties in his district and the quota of stamps allotted for sale in each county.

In Centre county the chairman is W. H. Walker, of Bellefonte, and the quota of stamps alloted for the county is 876,200.

A Great Lecture.

Galen Ross, the boy lecturer, who appeared in Centre Hall on Friday evening, treated his audience to one of the greatest lectures to which it has been the privilege of Lecture Course patrons to listen. It is not common for the average audience to expect from a young man of twenty-six years such words of wi dom, or a narration of such experiences as through which young Ross has lived; but, as Mr. Ross aptly put it, it is not how long one has lived, but how much he has lived.

His lec ure, "The Ditty Box", centered about life in the U. S. Navy, and dressed in his bluejacket uniform with his ditty box close at hand, he told the great story of his four years' service as a seaman with Uncle Sam. The ditty box is a wooden box, 14x9x8 inches in size, and contains all the personal effects, save the uniform and net bed, of a sailor. So compactly are the many small articles packed that there remains scarcely room enough for a tooth pick. Mr. Ross packed the box in fifty-three seconds, seven less than he had figured on doing it.

As a service man for Uncle Sam during the war, Mr. Ross is certainly arousing the people to the great needs of the hour. His "Seven signs to save Uncle Sammy" were startling, to say the least, nevertheless truth was in every utterance.

While his entire program continued for nearly two hours, no one became restless; even the boys occupying the front seats, who so often give lecturers occasion for reprimanding, were with the boy orator from his first word to his last, and seemed to really enjoy the lecture.

Patriotic Concert, February 7th.

Thursday evening, February 7th, is the time set for holding the patriotic concert in Grange hall. As was announced last week, a number of the male singers of the town will give the concert, which will be augmented by other features, including readings, monologues and like specialties. The proceeds will go to swell the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. funds. Keep the date in mind and decide now to be there.

$3.85 to Be Paid for Milk.

The Dewart Creamery Company will begin business at Centre Hall on Monday morning and would respectfully ask that farmers bring their milk to the creamery plant until arrangements can be made to gather it by wagon or truck.

A new mark is set by offering farmers $3.85 per hundred pounds of milk testing four per cent. The first checks for milk will be given February 15th, to those who start selling on the first day of business.

DEWART CREAMERY COMPANY.

Capt. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove, is attending the State Veterinary Association meeting at Harrisburg, this week, as well as taking in the farm show at the state capital.

WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OFFER WAR COURSES FOR WOMEN STUDENTS

Reports from 150 colleges and universities show that many typical war courses for women are being given. Among them are landline telegraphy, wireless telegraphy, automobile mechanics, nautical astronomy, navigation, elementary nursing, first aid, principles of war relief, draftsmenship, medical laboratory methods, map drawing, surgical dressing.

Usually these courses are given in time formerly devoted to recreation.

GERMAN NEWSPAPER CRITICIZES PUNISHMENT OF SOLDIER'S WIFE

The Committee on Public Information had made the following translation of an article appearing in the Bremer Buerger-Zeitung.

"A soldier's wife who had gathered wood in the common forest of Waldkirch near Freiburg in Breisgau, was sentenced for the offence in the following terms:

"'Mrs. Clara Ganter, on June 13, 1917, has removed from the common forest of Waldkirch, Sec 1 23, one fagot of dry fir twigs, valued at 10 pfenning. In punishment thereof she is sentenced to a fine of 1 mark and one day's imprisonment.'

"The husband of the culprit has been for three years at the front, she herself has four small children to support in the direst poverty. Similar reports of punishment should be reported in greater numbers. Our bureaucracy understands how to employ this period of shortage of wood and coal on a large scale for the benefit of the treasury".

COLOR OF CORD ON HAT DENOTES SERVICE OF WEARER

Just as the sleeve chevrons and bars, stars, and eagles on the shoulder proclaim ranking officers, the hat cord denotes the branch of service each private has entered.

Light blue signifies Infantry; scarlet, Artillery; yellow, Cavalry; buff Quartermasters Corps; scarlet and white, Engineers' Corps; orange and white, Signal Corps; scarlet and black, Ordance; black and white, field clerk; maroon, Medical Corps; black and gold, officers; silver and black, adjutant general's clerk; green, instuctor Home Guards; green and white, Home Guards. These cords are worn only on service hats.

Cadet aviators wear se hat bands inch and a half white ribbons and on coat collars insignia representing the aviation branch of the Signal Corps, propeller blades.

THREE PER CENT OF MEN GAINFULLY EMPLOYED NOW IN SERVICE

In a bulletin on the employment of women in the storage and warehousing depots of the United States Army is the following:

"The census of 1910 reported that of every 100 men and boys 10 years of age and over, only 19 were not gainfully employed. This group of 19 included old men not able to work, children too young too work, the sick and handicapped, and men in schools and college.

"Assuming that 500,000 of the number called by the selective-service law have had some of gainful employment we may estimate that 1 out of every 60 men in the industries and professions of the country has been called into military service, while another in every 60 has voluntarily joined the forces of the Army or Navy. Thus 8 per cent of the gainfully employed men have been taken out of their occupations".

MANUFACTURING PLANTS WORKING ON NAVY ORDERS MUST BE GUARDED

Contractors working on orders for the Navy are required to provide watchmen and devices to protect their plants and property and the work in progress against espionage, acts of war and of enemy aliens. Upon request they must report the citizenship, country of birth, or alien status of all employees.

MATCHES AND OTHER ARTICLES BARRED FROM FOREIGN MAILS

Postmasters are directed not to accept for shipment to members of Expeditionary Forces packages containing matches, cigar lighters, or solidified alcohol, including the preparation called "Sterno" or canned heat.

It is not deemed safe to admit these articles to mail for foreign countries or for United States naval vessels, including marines on shore in other countries.

AMERICAN FORCES NOW SIX TIMES AS LARGE AS IN SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

There were 1,428,650 enlisted men and 110,865 officers in the United States Army at the opening of 1918, more than one and a half times as large as any force ever mobilized by this Nation, according to a statement by Secretary of War Baker.

During the war with Spain the Army of the United States at the maximum strength aggregated 272,000 men and officers. The Army in the field and in training now is practically six times as great as the maximum number under arms in the Spanish-American War.

About 45,000 officers were commissioned from civil life in the two series of training camps, nearly eight times as many as the number of officers in the Regular Army April 1, 1917.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS PROVIDE BOOKS FOR FIGHTING FORCES

More than half a million books already have been furnished soldiers and sailors in training camps and in France by the American Library Association War Service and the flow is steadily increasing according to the director of this work.

A campaign for funds inaugurated by the association last autumn netted more than $1,500,000 and real results in the tangible shape of books and comfortable libraries are being felt by the soldiers and sailors. The Carnegie Corporation gave $320,000 for the erection of camp libraries. Nearly all camps now have libraries and in the others the buildings are in course of construction. The reading rooms each accommodate 250 men.

For men in France the association has organized distributing stations at all points of embarkation, where books are assorted for shipment abroad. Soon every soldier who steps on a transport will carry a book with him, which he and his companions will read on the way across, after which it will be forwarded to the men back in the trenches. No attempt will be made to establish libraries in France, but the association will have representatives there to supervise the work of distribution.

COST OF LIVING IN ONE YEAR INCREASES 23 PER CENT

According to the bureau of labor statistics of the Department of Labor in the year from November 15, 1916, to November 15, 1917, prices of food as a whole advanced 23 per cent. Potatoes is the only article that shows a decline in price. Corn meal advanced 87 per cent; bacon 62 per cent; pork chops, 48 per cent; beans 39 per cent; salmon 38 per cent; milk, 33 per cent; and lard 27 per cent.

Food as a whole was 48 per cent higher on November 15, 1917, than on November 15, 1913, and 49 per cent higher than on November 15, 1914. During this four year period corn meal advanced 127 per cent; flour, 109 per cent; lard 104 per cent; bacon 77 per cent; sugar, 75 per cent; and potatoes, 72 per cent. No article declined in price.

DEFECTIVE EYES CAUSE MANY MEN FIRST PASSED TO BE REJECTED AT CAMPS

Examination of the records of 10,000 men passed for military service by local boards and then rejected by camp surgeons show that nearly 22 per cent of the final rejections were caused by defective eyes.

Teeth were responsible for 8.50 per cent; hernia, 7.47 per cent; ear, 5.94 per cent; heart disease, 5.87 per cent; tuberculosis 5.37 per cent.

Attempts to evade military duty by deception regarding physical condition were very few.

75,000 COLORED MEN CALLED INTO ARMY BY SELECTIVE-SERVICE LAW

Eight per cent of 9,586,508 men registered under the selective-service law are colored. Of these nearly 209,000 have been called and more than 75,000 have been certified for service.

Out of every 100 colored men called 36 were rejected, exempted or discharged, while out of every 100 white citizens called, 25 were certified for service.

The 16 cantonments built for the training of soldiers cost $134,000,000, with a net profit to contractors of 2.98 per cent.

SCHOOL REPORT FOR FOURTH MONTH

Statistical Report and Honor Roll in Borough Schools.

Primary school.—Number enrolled, males 18, females 21, total 39. Average attendance, males 16, females 15, Total 31. Per cent. attendance, males 84, females 76, total 80.

Pupils present every during month are Eugene Colyer, George Luse, James Lutz, Wilbur McClellan, Elizabeth Breon, Estella Ruble, and Alverta Weaver. Of those, all excepting George Luse and Wilbur McClellan have not missed a day during the first half of the term. There have been many tardy marks during the month, possibly due to the extrmely cold weather. We hope for greater promptness during the remainder of the term.—Helen Bartholomew, teacher.

Intermediate grade.—Number in attendance during month, male 14, female 23, total 37. Per cent. of attendance during month, male 99, female 91. Pupils not absent during month: Joseph Ruble, John Meyer, Byers Ripka, Paul Smith, Clarence Zettle, Franklin Runkle, Franklin Ruble, Theo. Breon, Ralph Emerick, George Lutz, Curtis Reiber, Alma Lutz, Ruth Runkle, Helen Runkle, Mildred Bitts, Agnes Geary, Mary Weaver, Florence Zettle, Helen Bohn, Lottie Keller. Those not absent during term: Byers Ripka, Paul Smith, Clarence Zettle, Franklin Runkle, Theodore Breon, George Lutz, Alma Lutz, Ruth Runkle, Helen Runkle, Mildred Bitts, Mary Weaver, Florence Zettle, Lottie Keller.—D. Ross Bushman, teacher.

Grammar grade.—Number in attendance during the month, males 16, females 19. Per cent. of attendance during month, male 92, female 93. Per cent. of attendance during term, male 94, female 90. Those in regular attendance for the month: Sara Zettle, Hazel Ripka, Nona Wagner, Gertrude Ruble, Vianna Zettle, Ethel Frank, Harold Keller, Arthur Bohn, Albert Emery, Harold Breon, David Smith, William Sweetwood, Isaiah Emery, Albert Smith. All except Arthur Bohn, William Sweetwood and Isaiah Emery were in regular attendance for the term.—E. M. Miller, teacher.

Centre County Pomona Grange Meeting.

The first meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange for 1918 will be held in the Grange Arcadia, Saturday, February 2nd. The usual two sessions will be held. Business of large importance will come before the body, and consequently it is urged that you attend this me ting. The annual reports of the various Grange activities will be rendered, and the officers installed.

OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED.

Master	C. R. Neff
Overseer	John Grove
Lecturer	R. H. Olmstead
Stewart	George W. Gingerich
Assistant Stewart	Ray Durst
Chaplain	Mrs. D. A. Grove
Treasurer	Jacob Sharer
Secretary	S. W. Smith
Gate Keeper	Hugh Ralston
Pomona	Mrs. D. W. Bradford
Flora	Mrs W. F. Rishel
Ceres	Mrs. H. H. Laird
Lady Asst Stewart	Miss Vida Corl (Mrs. Foster Musser)

Other officers to be installed as follows:

Insurance auditor—M. A. Sankey.

Telephone Directors—S. W. Smith, John S. Dale, A. W. Dale, A. C. Grove, David K. Keller.

Grange Encampment and Fair Committee—C. R. Neff, George Gingerich, D. L. Bartges, John S. Dale, R. L. Watts, Florence Rhone, D. K. Keller.

The noon-hour luncheon will be conducted in the usual way.

C. R. NEFF, Master.

Miller-Geiss.

The marriage of Wallace G. Miller and Miss Virginia Geiss took place Saturday of last week, which information reached here by official announcement.

The scene of the wedding was St. Matthew's Lutheran church at Broad and Mt. Vernon streets. To the strains of Lohengren's wedding march, the ring ceremony was performed by the pastor, Dr. Edwin Heyl Delk. The bride was dressed in street costume of gray duvetyn.

The couple will live at 121 Menlo Avenue, Glenside, a Philadelphia suburban point. The Reporter extends congratulations.

Marriage Licenses.

George W. Meyer, Jersey Shore
Maude E. Gray, Jersey Shore

Robert R. Mingle, State College
Esther C. Mattern, Waddle

Three days of —0 weather: Friday night, 9 below; Saturday night, 2 below; Sunday night, 5 below. Three and one-half inches of snow fell on Tuesday and the roads were once more blocked as a result of a high wind storm Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Huntingdon citizens are kicking because the water company is cutting off the water every night, thereby creating a fire menace.

The local P. O. S. of A. continues to do its "bit" for Uncle Sam in divers ways. The latest patriotic move was to invest $103 00 in War Savings Certificates.

Dorothy May, the two-and-a-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harter, of Zion, is recovering from burns received when the little tot fell into a bucket of scalding water

E. S. Ripka, the Hamilton-Brown shoe salesman, received two checks amounting to $75.00 this week, as prize money for having made extra good sales for his firm during the year 1917.

Letters from soldiers in camp, appearing in their hone papers, are practically a thing of the past. A recent order prohibits enlisted men from acting as regular newspaper correspondents.

Approximately 200 students have withdrawn from the Pennsylvania State College for war service since the collegiate year opened last September. This is about ten percent of the entire undergraduate body.

Mrs. S. H. Heckman, of Johnstown, spent Friday with her father, H. W. Kreamer. Miss Tacy Kreamer was also an arrival at the Kreamer home the same day, and will remain to help care for her father during his illness.

Merchant and Mrs. G. O. Benner left on Friday for a week's visit with friends in the Pittsburg district. With Mr. Benner, however, the trip was made primarily for business reasons, he wishing to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the Republic Casualty Company.

The members of the Progress Grange spent Thursday night of last week in Grange Arcadia in a social manner. The attendanec was quite large, indicating the real life and interest taken by all members in all the activities of the local organization. Of course, the banquet, Hooverized as the farmers see it, was a feature.

The State policeman who visits Centre Hall daily has his eye peeled for untaged dogs, and has found it necessary to call several dog owners to account for their apparent contempt for the law. The officer, while desiring to be lenient, will serve but one notice of this character; the second occasion will necessitate the use of his gun.

A deer, driven by dogs from the Centre county side of Moshannon creek, was captured at Hawk Run last Tuesday by Enoch and George Haywood, who found it in an almost exhausted condition and bleeding from wounded legs caused by being cut by the snow crust. The deer was placed in the barn of the Hawk Run hotel, where it will be cared for until the weather will justify its release.

The January number of "Trench and Camp" an 8-page paper containing army news for army men and their home folks, has been received by the Reporter from Lieut. W. "Ned" Keller, from Columbia, S. C. The little paper is full of live matter, and on the sporting page of the edition we glimpsed Lieut. Keller's name in connection with a basket ball game between army men, which proved to be nearly as exciting as a mimic war.

Prof. Lester E. Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baird of State College, has resigned his position as principal of the Buckingham high school, to become principal of the Mattewan high school, at Mattewar, West Virginia. Mr. Baird graduated from the Pennsylvania State College in the class of 1916, and will receive a salary of $150 per month in his new position, which is a $60 per month increase over that which he received in his former place.

Cora Oshell, a ten-year-old girl of Bellwood, was caught in the act of taking mail from the lock box of the Bellwood bank, at that postoffice, last week, and is now held for a hearing in juvenile court. She had been carrying on the practice for ten days or more, the matter first coming to the attention of the bank when depositors complained of not receiving credit for checks which they had sent by mail. A trap was set so that when the combination of the box was touched a warning was sounded. It was Tuesday evening of last week when the lobby of the postoffice was empty that the little girl entered and proceeded to take the contents of the bank's box while the postmaster was busy in his private office. The sound of the alarm frightened the girl and she started for the door, but was caught before she could leave the office. She had some of the bank's mail in her hands.

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Local notices accompanying display advertising five cents per line for each insertion; otherwise, eight cents per line, minimum charge, twenty-five cents.

Legal notices, twenty cents per line for three insertions, and ten cents per line for each additional insertion.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Presbyterian—Centre Hall, afternoon.

United Evangelical—Tusseyville, Friday evening; Centre Hall, Saturday evening; Lemont, morning; Linden Hall, afternoon. Rev. C. L. Sones will preach at each appointment.

Reformed—Spring Mills, morning; Union, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening. [The change in the time of service at Union and Spring Mills made in order to carry out the plan of only one service each Sunday at Spring Mills and thus save fuel.—Pastor]

CENTRE MILLS

All the mills are froze dry.

The farmers hereabouts are hauling lumber from Livonia.

Mr. Syler attended the funeral of his father, in Sugar Valley, last week.

John Kline had an attack of cramps on Sunday.

James Straus, of Illinois state, recently visited his sister, Mrs. William Sweeley.

Miss Minnie Kline is still holding evangelistic meetings in Union county, and at last report fifty converts had been gained.

BELGIAN FARMS ARE SMALL

National Law There That Results in Holdings Less Than an Acre in Size.

An outstanding feature of the Belgian farming is the small size of the farms. More than half of the Belgian farms are less than an acre in size.

One cause of small farms in Belgium is a law prohibiting the leaving by any man of all his property to one child, declares Wallaces' Farmer. It is required that the property be divided among his children. Of course the children can agree to hold the land intact, but in practice the result has been a great subdivision of the land.

The average acre of Belgian land rents for a cash rent of about $10, but there is some share renting, the agreement being half and half, and the landlord to furnish half of the fertilizer.

The average value of the Belgian land is now about $300 an acre, pasture land averaging a little more than this and cultivated land a little less. Eighty years ago Belgian land was worth just half this much.

Why is Belgian land so high? It is not so fertile as much of the land of England or Germany, yet is more valuable because there are some half million Belgians who have the ability to make $300 land bear interest on the investment. They are able to do this because they work hard and are satisfied with little. Another reason for the high price of land is the keen competition for it. Because of the small pieces into which it is divided land is constantly on the market and there are always farm hands and renters who are eager to own a piece of land for themselves, and so the price is bid up to the limit.

Pebble Industry in Normandy.

The pebble industry is becoming quite important in upper Normandy, France. The cliffs of the Caux region, undermined by subterranean springs and by the waves of the English channel, slip, fall and break. They are formed of a calcareous mass containing flints. These flints fall to the bottom of the sea, where they become flat and take an ovoid shape.

Their color is blue, spotted with brown, yellow or red stripes. They are used to manufacture concrete stone and earthenware, and their dust is even employed to make paint and rice powder imitation.

Over 120,000 tons of pebbles are annually picked up on the Normandy beaches. Most of it is sent abroad.

Queer Translations.

When the Bible was translated into Japanese, an equivalent to the word "baptize" could not be found, and the word "soak" had to be used instead, so that the Japanese Biblical students are acquainted with a person named "John the Soaker," and with a doctrine of "soaking for remission of sins." In that case the ministration is due to inadequacy of language. A school boy once rendered "Miserere, Domine" into "Oh, heart-broken schoolmaster!" And another recovered from German the text "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak," in the form, "The ghost of course, is ready, but the meat is feeble."

The Reporter This Week.

The appearance of The Centre Reporter this week in the form of four pages instead of eight, is due to the conditions of freight traffic. The Reporter package is shipped weekly from Baltimore, Md., and is due to arrive here Mondays. Although we held back 20 hours past our usual time for going to press, no bundle arrived, consequently we were forced to this alternative.

THE PUBLISHERS

Seed Corn Needed.

Due to the extreme scarcity of seed corn throughout the State the County Farm Bureaus are making a seed corn survey to ascertain just how much corn is available in each county and the needs for such seed. At present they are running germination tests on both crib corn and corn that has been stored for seed purposes where a farmer has seed for sale.

In some of our northern and northwestern counties very little seed corn is to be had. This will mean the importing of good seed from neighboring counties that have about the same growing season and climate conditions. Centre County is fortunate in having some mature corn and from this corn seed may have to be selected though it is from the crib. If any farmer within the county has, what they consider good mature corn that will do for seed, even though it is in the crib, get in touch with the Farm Bureau at Bellefonte at once. They will arrange to run a germination test and if satisfactory will be willing to guarantee your corn for seed purposes.

If you are in need of seed the Centre County Farm Bureau will be glad to put you in touch with reliable sources of seed within the county.

Entertained Sledding Party.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Burkholder, of near Potters Mills, entertained a sledding party at their home on Thursday night. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of the Burkholder home for the evening were the following:

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Burkholder, Mr. and Mrs. Ashbridge Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Ruth Rockey, Katherine Ripka, Elizabeth Bitner, Grace Neff, Mary Tate, Lena Bower, Mary Carson, Goldie Wagner, Gladys Leaster, Martha Yearick, Ida Frazier, Ellen Burkholder, Ruth Ripka, Roy Smith, Robert Meeker, Laurence Meeker, Jack Smith, Lester Condo, Samuel Bitner, Fred Yearick, Charles Davidheiser, Merit Tate, William Rockey, Earl Frazier, Elmer Noll, Ellis Henney, Paul Ripka, Harry Neff and Russel Reish.

Government Course at "State"

A proposition to have the federal government take over Pennsylvania State College may 1, and use the grounds and equipment for the development of 1,000 enlisted men scheduled for France was put up to the board of directors at the annual meeting at Harrisburg on Tuesday. It was met with unanimous approval. The board decided to close the regular courses April 30, instead of mid-June.

The government proposes to give the men it sends to State college a special course in automobile driving, machine repairs, engineering, road building and other branches. The men will be brought from southern cantonments.

Your Rural Mail Box.

Patrons on rural mail routes, under the post office department regulation, are obliged to place their mail boxes so that mail carriers can reach them without leaving their vehicles. That means that the snow should be removed so that the carriers can drive direct to the mail boxes. The rural mail patrons should do their utmost to help the carriers during the severe winter weather.

A Correction.

In a recent issue of the Reporter appeared a letter from Mrs. E. G. Hoffer, of Bossburg, Washington, in which the Reporter made it appear that Mrs. Hoffer has been teaching for fifty-three years. Because of the fact that the many friends of Mrs. Hoffer, known to the Reporter readers, would be surprised at such a statement, we cheerfully correct the error by stating that it is Mr. Hoffer who has so great a record in the teaching profession. Mr. Hoffer is now in his seventieth year. The State of Washington does not pension teachers, although they have tried twice to enact such a law, says Mrs. Hoffer.

Continuing further, Mrs. Hoffer says: "We have a very mild winter; only once has it been to zero, generally being 40 above. Had a white Christmas, but a green New Year. Have a few inches of snow at present but very soft. All moisture is going into the ground, a cheerful omen for next year's crops. Too dry last fall for seeding, but there will be a large acreage put to wheat this spring."

The year of 1917 established new high production records for corn, oats, rye, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco, beans, and onions.

DEATHS.

Dewey Motz died at the home of his parents, Carl and Mertie Motz, at Woodward, on Saturday morning, following an illness beginning about November 1st. The young man, aged twenty years, was employed in a bank at Akron, Ohio, and on November 1st was married to an Akron lady, coming to his home on the wedding trip. He took sick at that time but recovered sufficiently to go back to his work, but was forced to quit a few weeks later and return home. His parents, two brothers—Earl, in a training camp in Arizona, and Bruce, of Buffalo, N. Y., survive. Funeral services were held on Wednesday; interment at Woodward.

Mrs. Elizabeth Struble, wife of Watson Struble, died at her home at State College on Saturday morning, of a complication of diseases, aged almost sixty-eight years. She was born at Pleasant Gap. Eight children survive her, together with her husband. She was a faithful member of the Lutheran church, the Rev. W. H. Traub having charge of the funeral services on Monday morning; burial at Pine Hall.

Mrs. Emily Holmes, widow of James Holmes, died at State College on Friday afternoon of dropsy and heart failure. She was born in Clinton county about eighty years ago and lived in State College for many years. Her husband was one of the captains of industry and accumulated much property. Eight children survive. Burial was made in the Branch cemetery Monday afternoon.

Frederick Weibly, an invalid for many years, passed away at his home at Struble on Friday noon, ten days after the death of his mother. Deceased was aged fifty-nine years and was a good citizen and neighbor while health permitted activities. Burial was made at Pine Hall on Monday afternoon.

Miss Jennie Bright, a maiden lady, who was a daughter of the late John Bright and who was born at Aaronsburg about sixty years ago, died Tuesday morning of last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. H. Dornblaser, at Springfield, Ohio. The body was shipped to Aaronsburg where burial was made Friday afternoon.

George W. Winkleblech, a son of the late Solomon Winkleblech, died Monday of last week at his home near Wolfs Chapel, aged about sixty years. An abcess at the neck was the cause of death.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Lingle, of Huntingdon, and Mrs. Calvin Gilbert, of Aaronsburg.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, with interment at Wolfs Chapel.

BOALSBURG.

J. D. Mayes, of Milton, spent a short time with relatives here.

James Galbraith spent Monday in Bellefonte.

Paul Coxey spent the week end with relatives in Altoona.

Mrs. Anna Graham and daughter are visiting at the William Stuart home here.

Perry Tubbs, of Osceola, spent several days last week at the J. W. Keller home.

Misses Hazel Yarnell and Miriam Bohn and Carl Bohn spent Sunday at the home of George Bohn at Lemont.

Robert Harter, of State College, spent Sunday at the James Ross home.

Professor Edward Meyer, wife and two daughters, of Newark, N. J., attended the funeral of Mr. Meyer's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Yarnell spent Thurday of last week with their daughter, Mrs. George Bohn, at Lemont.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer, Charles Homan, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Homan, of Pine Grove; Mrs. H. W. Lonberger and Mrs. G. E. Snyder, of State College, and Mrs. Joseph Meyer, of Axemann, attended the funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Meyer last Friday.

Linden Hall

No. 2.

Miss Irene Tressler is spending a few days with friends at State College.

William Catherman, who has been suffering from a paralytic stroke, is improving rapidly.

Mrs. J. W. Keller took dinner at the George Searson home last Sunday.

Boys! Boys! get your bells ready; there will be a wedding soon.

Little Eugene White had an attack of grip last week.

Miss Mary Oman is a visitor at State College.

Miss Helen Ishler spent Sunday with her uncle, Philip Bradford, at Lemont.

Miss Anna Mary Houser was at her home a few days last week.

Miss Irene Riefsnyder is suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER.

(Continued from first page.)

Brumbaugh administration. He, however, did nothing to remedy conditions which had developed under a long line of Republican governors and been accepted without a question by Brumbaugh and the Vares because it opened the way for jobs for men they needed in their business.

The present governor has spoken frequently about economy and efficiency, but had either he or the Sprouls of the Senate been sincere in their efforts to administer the State's affairs along modern business lines they could have accomplished miracles in a month.

The Governor was chairman of a so-called "Economy and Efficiency Commission". He named the commission when it was created by the legislature of 1913, to succeed the Tener commission of the same name. The Tener commision never worked, but affixed its signatures to a report written for it. With this example the present Governor did not call a meeting of his commission for more than a year and then nothing was done. A report was written for it and the commission discussed this report after the 1917 session convened, although it was supposed to report to the legislature when it began its sessions in January last. The report did not meet the approval of the Governor's commission and so it wrote its own, by shearing out whole sections of the original report written in the first person, singular, and putting forth recommendations as the views of the commission. Not even the "I" of the original report was changed to "we."

Here is the only example of complete harmony in the Republican party: Penrose and Brumbaugh both profess to believe there should be certain economies effected in the State government management and efficient methods substituted for archaic ones, but in the final show down neither is big enough to disturb the system that means a long payroll and patronage for the bosses.

The Pennsylvania Congressmen voted 18-18 on the Prohibition amendment and 23 12 on the Womans Suffrage amendment.

Mayor Connell of Scranton refuses to let go as Registration Commissioner because he does not want to give Brumbaugh a chance to name his successor. Connell and the Scranton Republican organization are solidly for Penrose.

STATE AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

It is estimated that there are 577,877 horses on farms of the State as compared with 590,987 horses a year ago.

There are now 46,216 mules in use on the farms as compared with 46,396 mules last year.

Have you secured a license for your dog. The new State dog law is to be rigidly enforced in all counties.

Livestock reports show a splendid increase in the number of sheep in the State and the rejuvenation of this industry promises to take great strides during the present year.

The average price of wool in the State jumped from thirty-four cents in 1916 to sixty-two cents for the 1917 clip which was valued at $2,528,236.

A campaign to have Pennsylvanians purchase hatching eggs in Pennsylvania has been launched by the Department of Agriculture.

JAMES W. SWABB

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

LINDEN HALL, CENTRE CO., PA.

Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, &c, written and executed with care. All legal business promptly attended to. Special attention given to settling of Estates. Marriage Licenses, Automobile Licenses, and all other Application Blanks kept on hand. Nov. 23 1 yr

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in all wool or part wool.

Heavy Wool Hose, Mittens and Gloves.

Rich's Flannel, by the yd.

Flannel or Outing Night Gowns, for Men, Women and Children.

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Corduroy Trousers for Men and Boys.

Sunbury Bread.

Store closes every Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock.

H. F. Rossman

Spring Mills

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE—

Letters testamentary on the estate of Philip H. Meyer, late of Centre Hall Borough, deceased.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned, she would respectfully request any persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them for settlement.

MRS. P. H. MEYER,
Executrix, Centre Hall, Pa.

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Kessler, the Millheim merchant, offers great bargains in his January reduction sale. Here is a chance to secure real bargains. adv.

THE MARKETS.

PRODUCE AT STORES

Butter	.42
Eggs	.50

1918

MAY THE NEW YEAR, IN ITS BEGINNING, BRING TO YOU PROSPERITY AND PEACE OF MIND, AND MAY THESE THINGS CONTINUE TO ITS CLOSE.

Make This New Year's Resolution:

If you already are a patron of this store, that you will continue as such, thus benefiting in no small way through the advantages to be derived in buying where stocks are always Complete, Fresh, of Best Quality, and prices consistent with such quality.

If you have not yet acquainted yourself with the Smith standard of merchandise, that you will get in line to-day.

Think it over.

C. M. SMITH

The Big Quality Store of Penns Valley

CENTRE HALL

KESSLER'S GREAT JANUARY REDUCTION SALE

We are offering our

Ladies' Fine Plush, Broadcloth and Velour Coats at

Practically Half Price

Also, Men's Fine Trench Suits and Overcoats are Reduced as well.

We are compelled to make this cut price on account of the great blizzard during the month of December, which checked our sales, and now we are overstocked. We are forced to offer bargains so that we may quickly reduce this surplus stock.

We advise you to buy whether you are in immediate need or not, for merchandise will almost double in price until next fall and winter.

Now is your chance to get real bargains. Go take advantage of it at

KESSLER'S DEPARTMENT STORE

MILLHEIM

LOCALS.

F. P. Geary spent Monday, his enforced holiday, among friends in Millheim.

James E. Frohm killed his sixth fox of the season last week. It was a fine grey specimen.

An extra force of ten men were employed the past week on the local railroad section to keep the cuts clear of snow drifts.

The U. S. Government passed the word along to the county farm bureau that a limited amount of nitrate of soda can be purchased at the rate of $75.-00 per ton.

Word has been received of the arrival in France of Walter Rearick, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rearick, of Williamsburg, and formerly of Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, who had intended leaving for the Southland last week, have indefinitely postponed the trip owing to the uncertainties of railway travel.

A daughter, nine pounds big, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. McClenahan, of near Potters Mills, on Sunday. The name of Mildred Lauree has been given her.

The pupils of the boro grammar school enjoyed a sled ride to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Neff, near Tusseyville, on Monday evening where they had a royal good time.

H. W. Kreamer has been confined to his bed on account of sickness for the greater part of the past week, but his friends are pleased to note an improvement in his condition.

The borough schools are coming to the point where it may be necessary to close on account of lack of fuel. A supply sufficient for a week's use is all that remains in the bins, and there is no coal in the hands of the local dealers.

D. R. Rager, field man for the Dewart Creamery Company, is visiting farmers in this locality this week to show them the financial benefit to be derived by selling their milk to the Dewart Creamery company at Centre Hall, beginning next Monday.

The following from Centre Hall boro and Potter township have been drawn for jury service at February court, which commences Monday, February 25th: G. O. Benner, W. F. Bradford, Centre Hall boro; F. A. Carson, Thomas Delaney and J. Frank Floray, Potter township.

The annual statement of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County, of which F. M. Fisher is secretary, appears in this issue. The company continues to enjoy a steady growth in business from year to year, and at the present time the total of risks in force amounts to over four million dollars.

Some dog owners are courting serious trouble for themselves. In order to make it appear that they have paid their dog license they have a tag attached to their own dog's collar which has been taken from the collar of another dog, and paid for by its owner. Of course it is the work of a small man who hasn't enough wit to know what he is up against.

While the Fords have turned over the road work in the country districts to old Nancy, the machines are not all in idleness. On the south side of Potter township, near Colyer, Wilbur Bubb hitched his Ford to a circular saw, which it operated in fine style. In Centre Hall Wilbur Henney uses a Ford to operate a corn sheller, and declares the two-dollar corn is knocked off the cob with entire satisfaction.

The Centre Hall lodge, I. O. O. F., celebrated their anniversary in their hall on Wednesday evening of last week, in a most delightful manner. There was a goodly number of the members present. The organization displayed a patriotic spirit by "Hooverizing" this year, and instead of having their customary elaborate banquet in the Grange hall, were content with a "layout" in keeping with the times.

From the Millheim Journal: On Monday W. A. Stover, when near the toll gate, on his way to the mountain to cut wood, saw a large hawk descend near him and catch a pheasant, which he started to devour. Mr. Stover hurriedly went back to the toll gate and got Mr. Musser's shot gun and returned to shoot the hawk. The hawk, however finished his job and had departed, but Mr. Stover had not proceeded far when he espied a weasel with a rabbit and he shot the weasel.

The zero weather prevailing Saturday and Sunday nights, wrought havoc with the hot water heating system in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Benner, who have been absent from home since that time. Mr. Benner thought he had properly drawn all the water from the radiators before permitting the furnace fire to go out, but that he was in error was discovered on Monday by Mrs. E. W. Crawford who was looking after the fire in the range. The freezing had bursted several radiators and also the pipes concealed in the ceilings and walls, so that the house was flooded with water. The bath room outfit was also damaged. The Benners were not scheduled to be home before the end of the week, but a telegram apprising them of the damage done was dispatched, and it is expected that they will hasten home.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brown, of near Linden Hall, were in town last Thursday.

Miss Helen Shaffer, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday with Miss Laura Runkle.

J. D. Meyer, of Altoona, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, over Sunday.

William Schreckengast, of Pleasant Gap, was fined $100 and costs for breaking smallpox quarantine laws.

Ralph Luse, teacher of the Plum Grove school, was unable to teach for several days last week owing to sickness.

E. W. Crawford is looking after the interests of merchant G. O. Benner insofar as the management of the Star Store is concerned, during the latter's absence this week.

Mrs. A. P. Krape, of Centre Hall; her brother-in-law, James Krape, of Seattle, Wash., and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Calvin King, of Spring Mills, spent a few days beginning of the week with friends in Suntury.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Musser, of Millheim, last Wednesday received a card from their son, P. Byron Musser, a member of an engineering corps, of his safe arrival in France. He merely states the fact of his safe arrival and that he is well.

Don't fail to 'phone, write, or personally give the editor any little items of news which will help to make the Reporter more readable. A newspaper man is supposed to be a ubiquitous person—present everywhere—and is often censured because a certain happening failed to appear in the news column. Remember, he is only human, and can only perform his best work with your cooperation.

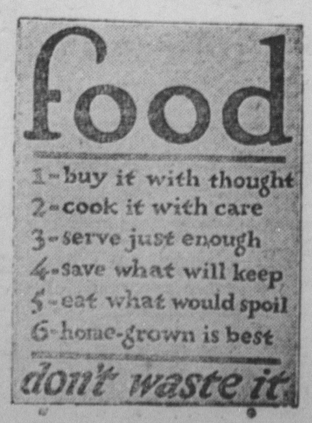
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rearick, who recently moved from the state of Arkansas to Martinsburg, are visiting Mrs. Rearick's mother, Mrs. Mary Goodhart, in Centre Hall, and before returning home will spend some little time at Milroy with W. O. Rearick, as well as visiting the several other Rearick brothers. It will be remembered that Mr. and Mrs. Rearick figured very prominently a few months ago in a bank robbery at Glenwood, Arkansas, in which a quartette of bad men relieved the bank of some $8,000.00, making a clean haul, besides taking from the coat of Mrs. Rearick $125, which sum was about to be deposited when the hold-up was staged. The Rearicks are now having their first opportunity to recite the details of the experience to their friends. Mr. Rearick states that one of the robbers is serving a twenty-one year sentence, another was badly wounded in being captured, while the other two are still at large.

A very beautiful and impressive dedicatory exercise was held in the Grange hall on Friday evening, immediately preceding the lecture by Galen Ross, in which the community service flag, with its twenty stars, representing the young men from Centre Hall and community in the service of their country, was dedicated. The local P. O. S. of A. was back of the movement and Mr. Ross, who was asked by the committee to take charge of the service, conducted it in a manner that from a patriotic standpoint was most beautiful. The service flag, together with old glory, was placed in the stage background, a curtain hiding both from view. As Mr. Ross requested the audience to rise with uplifted right hand he offered a toast to the flags as they were presented to view. Prayer followed by Rev. R. R. Jones, after which Mr. Ross entered into the spirit of the occasion with a delightful short address. He promised to give the affair the widest publicity through the several printed mediums at his command.

Stove Explodes.

On Sunday morning a terrific explosion occurred at the home of Urie Peachey on the J. Milton Campbell farm near Belleville, when their cook stove blew to pieces. Mrs. Peachy had a narrow escape from serious injury for she was in the kitchen when the explosion took place. Three small pieces struck her but without serious injury.

All the windows in the kitchen were broken. The coals were scattered over the floor but fortunately Mr. Peachy and a supply of water were near. The explosion was caused by a frozen water front.



Spring Mills.

William Musser, of Altoona, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Musser.

Walter Hosterman went to Sunbury on Tuesday.

Benjamin Lohr, who has his home with A. J. Shook, has been quite ill for a week.

Union services will be held in the Reformed church on Sunday morning; Sunday School at 9:15; preaching services at 10:30, by Rev. R. R. Jones.

Robert Smith is able to be out again, after an illness of about a month.

The Teachers Local Institute, held here Friday evening and Saturday, was a decided success. The address by Prof. Marshman, of State College, on Friday evening was one of the best ever given in the hall and was appreciated by an interested audience. The exercises on Saturday were also very interesting. A lunch prepared by the girls of the vocational school was served to help pay expenses.

Pleasant Gap.

Newton Bilger left for his home in Valley Falls, Kansas, last Friday.

J. F. Meiroy, of White Haven, visited over Sunday with his brother, Raymond, of this place.

The post office was moved to the new location last week. Pleasant Gap now has an up-to-date office.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Griffith spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Healey, of Rockview.

Miss Clara Ripka, who had been visiting among friends at State College, returned home Sunday.

Norman Emerick, of Centre Hall, spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. Dorsey Eckenroth, this week.

William Keen, who has been employed at Niagara Falls, returned home Saturday.

Ella Osmer, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Boyd Spicher.

Frank Keen and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reish attended the funeral of Mrs. William Keen, at Millheim, on Monday.

SALE REGISTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, at one o'clock p. m., L. L. Smith will sell at the Centre Hall hotel barn, complete livery equipment, consisting of five head horses, buggies, sleighs, cutters, bob, harness, etc. L. F. Mayes, auct.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, at 9 o'clock a. m., George W. Feiding, 3 4 mile north of Linden Hall, will sell: 6 head horses, 15 cows, 18 head young cattle, shorthorn bull, 2 years old; 50 head pure bred Poland China hogs; full line farm implements. L. F. Mayes, auct.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, at 10 o'clock, one mile east of Bellefonte, on the Jacksonville road, John Reish will sell the following live stock and farm implements. 1 bay horse 5 years old, weighs about 1350; 1 bay colt, 4 year old, weighs about 1200; 1 gray mare, 4 year old, in foal, weighs 1250; 1 gray horse, 4 year old, weighs 1300; 1 blind bay horse, 11 year old, weighs 1300; lot of cows and young cattle, some coming fresh by time of sale; 3 Chester White brood sows and pigs, weigh about 100 lbs. each; will make brooders; full Chester White boar.

IMPLEMENTS—Brookville wagon, hay loader, side rake, McCormick binder, good as new, cut one crop; hay tedder, sulky plow, 2 walking plows, 2 Perry harrows, corn worker, Deering corn binder, 2 horse gasoline engine, line shaft pulleys, belts, all complete; 10-h. p. International coal oil engine, Deering four roll corn husker and 80 ft. 6 inch belt, full outfit ready to run. One chop mill, 20th century manure spreader, disc harrow, 2 sets of gears and lot of collars, No. 12 DeLaval cream separator. L. F. Mayes, auct.

MONDAY, MARCH 4th, 12 o'clock sharp, J. R. Harshbarger, 3 miles south of Centre Hall, on the Harter farm, will sell: Farm stock and implements.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, at 10 a. m., G. W. Potter one-half mile south of Old Fort, on the Brockerhoff farm, will sell: 8-ex work horses, yearling colt, 7 milch cows, 3 bulls, 8 head of young cattle, some shoats, lot of chickens. Binder, grain drill, and other implements. Also household goods. L. F. Mayes, auct.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, one o'clock p. m., H. F. Blitner, at Centre Hall, will sell lot of household goods, etc. Wise & Hubler, aucts.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd, at 1 o'clock p. m., F. M. Fisher, at Penn Hall, will sell: Poultry supplies, wagons, lot household goods, etc.

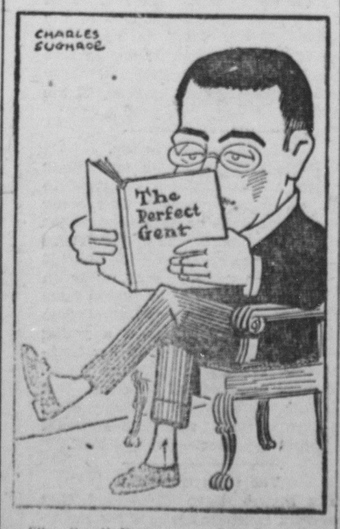
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 10 a. m. D. F. Smith 2-4 mile east of Centre Hall, on the Brushvalley road, will sell farmstock, implements, etc. A Clean-up sale.

THURSDAY MARCH 28—10 A. M., at Oak Hall Station, full line of farm implements and household goods will be sold by DAVID E. SNYDER.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH, 1 o'clock p. m. B. H. Arney of Centre Hall, will sell lot of household goods.

FOR SALE—The Geiss property, located immediately opposite the Reporter office.—S. W. Smith, Centre Hall

FOLKS WE ALL KNOW



The Swell Dresser used to be called a Dude in the Wild and Woolly days when we were Rubber Collars and Stock-in Ties. Now that everybody has Spruced Up, he is not nearly so Noticeable. The Swell Dresser tries to look like the Aristocratic Chaps in the Collar Ads.

FRIEND OF THE FIRE HORSE

In Detroit Animals Showed Affection for the Man Who Cared for Them For Many Years.

For 27 years Martin Cooney has been superintendent of horses for the fire department of Detroit, Mich., says the News of that city. He has bought every horse used by the department in that time; he has tended them through sickness and has been obliged to end the agonies of many of them. So great has been his love for horses that he has never taken a furlough, or even kept his Sundays for himself. Night and day he has watched over the horses.

In winter, when the horses, steaming from their swift run to the fires, have stood and shivered as the blaze was fought, it was Martin Cooney who hurried to the scene, and saw that they were blanketed. Back in their barns, it was Martin Cooney who saw that they were rubbed down and made warm and comfortable. When their feet were sore it was Martin Cooney who dressed them, and when the strenuous life of fire department horses made them unfit for such service, Martin Cooney saw to it that they were sold to farmers and not to city drivers, who might abuse them.

But the endless toils of days and nights has taken toll of Mr. Cooney, and recently he retired from active service. And because he has been a friend to horses he is glad that automobiles are replacing them for fire service in downtown Detroit.

"Pounding over hard, slippery downtown streets shortened the lives of the horses," Mr. Cooney explained. "When we used them all over the city, the average life of a horse in the department was four or five years; now that they are confined to the environs their average is five or six years. Of course some last much longer. There was one that lasted thirteen years, and is now comfortable on a farm near Detroit.

"When I joined the fire department we had about 130 horses. At one time we had 234 horses; that was the high-water mark. Now we have about 150, more than we had twenty-seven years ago, despite the great number of fire trucks. That is because Detroit's outlying districts are more populous now than the entire city was then.

"The horses knew me when I came into any of the stations. They would whinny and crane their necks. I broke them in and they never forgot me.

"The thing which makes me happiest is that all old horses are sent to farms, where there are no hard roads to irritate their weakened feet. A horse is too intelligent and too good a friend to be abused after its full period of usefulness is passed."

How They Shoot in China.

Details of the battle in Peking between Chang Hsun's ill-starred forces and the besieging republican troops indicate that the hostilities were more exciting than dangerous, remarks the Salt Lake Herald-Republican.

The dictator was surrounded by about 4,000 of his followers when he sought refuge in the Forbidden City, and the attacking party numbered at least five times as many.

Chinese soldiers have never been noted for expert skill in handling firearms, as substantiated by the authentic report that "considering the enormous quantity of ammunition used and the number of troops engaged" the casualties were remarkably small, only ten killed and thirty wounded among combatants and three times the number of killed and wounded among "innocent bystanders."

For obvious reasons Uncle Sam was simply giving the Chinese sound and friendly advice when he told them to keep out of the way and harmonize their internal differences.

Master of Proportions.

An eager young teacher was reviewing the Sunday school lesson in a mission church in Brooklyn. The subject was "Moses and the Bush That Burned Without Being Consumed." The boys of ten and twelve had been greatly interested in the story and were now eager to expose their knowledge. Answers followed her questions with the rapidity of a machine gun.

"Now, Harry, it's your turn."

"Yessum," was the confident answer.

Tell me what there was about this burning bush that was different from any bushes that have burned since."

The boy knew—you could tell from the snapping of his eyes—but he paused to formulate his words. "Why, ma'am, you see this here bush it burned up—but it didn't burn down!" The teacher herself could not have explained it better.—Youth's Companion.

The Boon of a Short Memory.

A Canadian corporal writes that the condition of the "roads" often appears a perfect pandemonium until one gets used to it. One of the strains that counts in this war is on coming out of the trenches to go to a rest billet. Up in the line a man is keyed up to stand a bombardment, and there is a fierce joy in getting to close quarters with a bayonet. But when the relief is over, and the regiment is on its way for four or five miles to rest billets, the stimulus is lacking, the pack seems doubly heavy, and the road is very hard to feet softened by three or four days of wearing gumboots in the mud of the trenches. In 24 hours, with a bath, a shave, and clean kit, there will be different men; for memory is mercifully short in this war, and the comforts or discomforts of the moment are the things that count.

Centre Reporter at $1.50 per year.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.
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Sold by Druggists, price 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The Council of National Defense passed a resolution requesting families and friends of soldiers in the various camps to discontinue sending food to them. The reason assigned is that it is wasteful, because much of the food becomes more or less spoiled and consequently injurious to the health of the men. This notice appears at the request of Council of National Defense.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT
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OF CENTRE COUNTY, PA.

January 14th, 1918

In compliance with the provisions of their charter the sixty-first annual statement of the company is hereby presented.

Balance in treasury January 8th, 1917		$ 245.68
Cash premiums received during year		3,691.77
Cash received on assessment No. 27		2,430.29
Interest from bank		22.50
Borrowed money	3,305.00—	$9,695 24

EXPENDITURES.

Fire losses—			
D. H. Shiverly	$362.00		
J. Frank Krumrine	1,482.00		
N. O & J. D. Dreiblebis	1,000.00		
Mrs. Harry Weaver	166.67		
Geo. C. Shuey, Exct.	1,073.27		
W. J. Wolf	453.71		
M. A. Dreiblebis	1,906.25		
Mrs. Jennie M. Otto	1,580.80		
Clyde W. Fishburn	113.34		
Small losses	84.09—	$8,222.13	
Directors' pay		287.54	
Secretary's salary		200.00	
Treasurer's salary and expenses		63.19	
Cash paid on premium withheld		50.25	
Writing policies		119.75	
Printing, postage and stationery		95.41	
Loans and interest paid		106.00	
Sundry expenses		55.41	
Cash balance in treasury		495.56—	$9,695 24

RECAPITULATION.

Due for borrowed money		$3,200.00	
On standing premiums in course of collection	$385 19		
Cash balance in treasury	495.56		
Safe in office	15.00 —	895.75	
Net indebtedness			$2,304.25
Total cash premium past year			3,691.77
Premium notes taken past year			74,881.58
Premium notes in force today			369,851.62
Insurance taken the past year			877,371.00
Risks in force today			4,125,746.00

At an election held the same day the following were elected as directors for the ensuing year; H. E. Duck, Col. W. Fred Reynolds, Frank McFarlane, E. M. Huyett, R. H. Reed, John Beck, John B. Goheen, Z. D. Thomas, G. P. Gentzel, George Mitchell, George B. Haines and Frank M. Fisher.

The Boar reorganized by electing H. E. Duck, president; Col. Fred Reynolds vice president; Frank M. Fisher secretary, and J. R. Brungart, treasurer.

H. E. DUCK, President

Attest: FRANK M. FISHER Sec'y.

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1918

Thirty-five Years Ago.

March 15, 1883.—Peter Rearick moved to Millheim this week after a residence here of sixteen years.

Six inches of snow fell on Saturday morning.

Hud Love, Ira Lee and John Smith, all of Centre Hall, started for Des Moines, Iowa, on Tuesday.

Married.—On Feb. 16, at the M. E. parsonage at Centre Hall, by Rev. F. Adams, J. Emory Shires and Miss Iola G. Stover, both of Potters Mills.

Died.—At his residence in Boalsburg, March 8, Samuel H. Stover, aged about seventy years.

Jerome Brungart, of Miles township, a few days ago while in the woods, was so unfortunate as to cut an ugly gash in his foot with an axe. A horse had to be sent for to take him home.

Dr. J. B. Leitzell and family, of Spring Mills, last week left for Stephenson county, Ill. The following parties also went west lately: Mrs. E. Zeigler, Miss A. Zeigler, Messrs. J. W. and C. E. Zeigler and Daniel Gramley, of Rebersburg; Francis Bollinger, of Aaronsburg; C. N. and B. F. Philips, of Penn Hall. They go to a point near Akron, Ohio. Another delegation started for Cortland, Ill. They were Mrs. H. Long, Misses Mary and Katie Long, and Messrs. Henry, William and Clayton and Boyd Long, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smelzer, all of Madisonburg, or nearby. William Wolf and family, of Penn township, also went to Illinois last week.

REBERSBURG

Snow blizzard and zero weather is the order of the day in this vicinity.

For the time being the stores, by order of the government, are closed every Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, who two months ago moved to Sunbury, arrived at this place on Saturday and will visit relatives for several weeks.

Norman Zeigler, who is employed in the furniture factory at Lock Haven, returned home on Friday. The company which had him employed suspended work for the present.

Preston Syler was to Sugar Valley on Friday to attend the funeral of his father, Peter Syler, who died at his home near Loganton. The remains were taken to Tylersville for burial.

Among those who attended the funeral of George Winkleblech on Thursday at Wolfs Chapel were: Mr. and Mrs. George Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Minnich, Edward Grenninger and family, Preston Snyder and Scott Stover.

The citizens of Rebersburg will not experience a fuel shortage for at least a year as Samuel Gephart and Sterling Miller have taken the contract to cut several hundred cords of wood for J. B. Kreamer, for the half. They have hired James Harbauch as book keeper and also to keep the tools in repair. Sam's first day's record at chopping was to put two axes out of commission.

Georges Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Albright, of Penn Hall, spent Sunday at the P. A. Leister home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Breon spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Auman.

John Vonada and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Vonada's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lingle.

Mrs. Sara Reeder is spending a few weeks with her son, J. C. Reeder.

Mrs. Lydia Lingle left for Lock Haven on Friday where she will spend some time with friends.

This cold weather has frozen up most of the water pipes for the farmers who have water piped to their barns. The weather man has a firm grip on the weather and is determined not to let go.

Aaronsburg.

James Lenker, of Lemont, and his sister, Mrs. W. R. Houser, of Bellefonte, spent a few days with their mother in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby at their home.

Miss Elizabeth Yarger is still confined to bed because of sickness. Her sister, Mrs. A. S. Stover, is caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Otto are visiting friends and relatives in Allentown and Philadelphia.

"State" Students Will Make Explosives.

All chemistry students in the senior class at the Pennsylvania State College have been released from further college work to take positions immediately in the Du Pont Powder Company laboratories. Huge government contracts for explosives and a serious shortage of chemists prompted the powdermakers to seek the college's help.

At the expiration of three months' employment at Wilmington the chemists will be awarded their diplomas by the college authorities. The students are not required to remain for that period with the du Pont concerns. This action by the State College is another step in the institution's program to release students for technical work in war time.

Valuable Hint on Canning Meats.

As there are certain times of the year when there is an oversupply of different kinds of meat it is often desirable to preserve this meat in a condition resembling fresh meat. According to Miss Margaret Brown, of the Pennsylvania State College, this can be accomplished by canning meat in glass jars and sterilizing it in the jars in the same way that vegetables are sterilized.

One method of canning is to free the meat from the bone and cut it into convenient size to pack solidly into tested clean glass jars, filling them to within three-fourth of an inch from the top. Sprinkle one-half teaspoonful of salt for each pint of meat over the top. Add no water. Celery leaves, onion, pepper or other seasoning may be added if desired. Adjust a new rubber of good quality and put the cover on lightly.

Place the jars on a rack in a wash boiler or other similar container having a close fiting cover. The water in the wash boiler should come within two or three inches of the top of the jars and be as hot as the jars will stand without breaking when lowered into the water. Sterilize from four to five hours counting from the time the water around the jars actually begins to boil.

When sterilization is complete the jars should be removed from the boiler and sealed at once without removing the covers. If screw top jars are used no attempt should be made to tighten the covers after the jars and contents have become cold.

Insurance Company Elects Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance company of Centre county, held at Bellefonte last week, the following officers were elected:

President—H. E. Duck.

Vice President—Col. W. F. Reynolds.

Secretary—Frank M. Fisher.

Treasurer—Jasper R. Brungart.

The company had a very successful year's business. Losses paid during the year amounted to $8,221.13, most of which were on buildings struck by lightning. Insurance placed during the year amounted to $877,371.00. The total amount of insurance now in force amounts to $4,125,746.00.

Government estimates of the production of petroleum in the United States in 1917 place it at nearly 14 per cent greater than any previous year.

Pine Grove Mills.

An army of shovels has been making the snow fly for travel.

Miss Ida Sunday has returned to State College to take charge of a large fraternity house.

Budd Bears has rented the Miles Gray farm for the next season. B. C. Bloom will farm in Buffalo Run.

Sledding is not good but that does not retard parties going on these stormy nights.

J. Arthur Peters and family, and Mrs. Joseph Riehl were Sunday visitors at the Curtis Meyer home.

Last Thursday evening a sledding party from Baileyville visited the J. S. Miller home in the Glades, bent on an evening's fun.

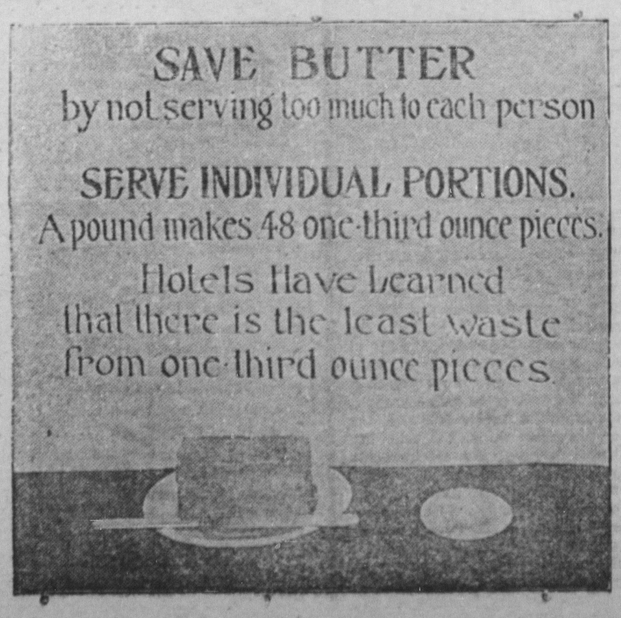
Jacob Reish, on going to the barn Thursday morning, found one of his best horses with one of its legs kicked off. The animal was killed.

W. E. McWilliams, the veteran R. F. D. carrier, is in the Johnstown hospital under the knife for hernia. During his absence Charles Gates is serving the patrons quite satisfactorily.

In order to comply with the Garfield fuel saving decree, Penns Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F., at its last regular meeting, voted to hold lodge meetings only twice a month until the winter passes.

Haiti has forbidden the export of foodstuffs to countries at war with the United States and countries associated with them in the war.

The Italian wheat crop for 1917 was 30 per cent below the average.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Part Played by One Yankee Woman in Revolution.

Margaret Corbin Took Her Husband's Place at the Guns in Battle of Fort Washington and Fell Wounded.

Margaret Corbin, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1751, was the only daughter of Robert Cockran, who was killed by the Indians in 1756. Margaret's mother, for whom the daughter was named, was taken into captivity at the same time. Margaret was now five years old and escaped her parents' fate because she and her brother were visiting an uncle, who raised Margaret.

In 1772 Margaret married John Corbin of Virginia. Corbin enlisted in the First company, Pennsylvania artillery, and his wife, having no children, followed her husband to war, serving as a nurse and aid in camp life.

When John Corbin was killed at the battle of Fort Washington, November 16, 1776, Margaret took his place at the gun, until struck down with three grapeshot, which severed an arm and tore away part of her breast.

Mary Pitcher's husband, Hays, was a gunner in the same regiment, and it is safe to assume that Margaret Corbin's heroism at Fort Washington inspired Molly Pitcher's act at Monmouth.

At the surrender Margaret was enrolled as a member of the "Invalid Regiment." Her wounds at Fort Washington were such that they were ultimately the cause of her death in 1800.

On account of her wounds the supreme council of Philadelphia on June 29, 1779, granted her $30 and recommended her to the board of war for a regular pension. The resolution of congress, July 6, 1779, is on record in which honorable mention is made of the services of Margaret Corbin.

"Resolved, That Margaret Corbin, wounded and disabled at the attack of Fort Washington, while she heroically filled the post of her husband who was killed by her side, serving a piece of artillery, do receive during her natural life or continuance of said disability, one-half the monthly pay drawn by a soldier in service of these States; and that she now receive out of the public stores one suit of clothes or the value thereof in money."

Margaret Corbin was the first woman pensioned by our government for heroic deeds.

Wanted to Cinch His Job.

"I should like a day's shore leave to attend to some personal business, if you please, sir," said a junior lieutenant, saluting, to Capt. James G. Ballinger of the Naval Coast Defense reserve recently.

"Your private worries are of minor importance now, as you are in the navy—however, fill out an application," replied the captain.

"I worked 17 years to get the job I now hold," said the lieutenant. "It means a good deal to me, as I want to get things straightened out before going to sea. I would like to have the job again in case I come back after the war, as it is a fair one. If you say so, sir, I will withdraw the request." He was turning away when Captain Ballinger asked:

"What's your name and job?"

"William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., vice president of the New York Central railroad."

In due course of time his one day's shore leave was granted. Lieutenant Vanderbilt having filled out the application.

Some Queer Moneys.

Iron money has been put into circulation recently in Germany. In Mexico cardboard money is in use, owing to the disappearance of metal currency due to the unsettled state of the country.

Porcelain money is used in Burma and Siam, and feather money, manufactured from the short red feathers from beneath the wings of a species of parrot, is the ordinary currency of the Santa Cruz islanders. The Loyalty islands, which lie in the Pacific to the east of Australia, are famous for their fur money. The fur, which is taken from behind the ears of the so-called "flying fox," in reality a large, fruit-eating bat, is woven into cords of various lengths, and these constitute the ordinary currency of the islanders.

As to Proper Behavior.

"Streets and sidewalks are public property. Citizens have the right to walk on them, whether they wear skirts, pantaloons or bathing suits, as long as their behavior is proper. There is no ordinance specifying the amount of clothing a person shall wear in the street," is the wisdom quoted from the lips of Judge Howard Hayes when passing upon the arrest of a young woman who promenaded in her bathing suit. We agree with the judge. The question is one of behavior. But it is fair to ask whether promenading the streets without any clothing would be proper behavior.—Chicago Post.

The Ump Gets His.

The French have discovered that American baseball fits men for throwing hand grenades with precision and efficiency. It also affords a fine and perfectly legitimate chance to kill the umpire favoring the other side.

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